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LETTER DATED 4 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Acting under paragraph 5 of resolution 771 (1992) and paragraph 1 of resolution 780 (1992) where the Security Council "calls upon States ... to collate substantiated information in their possession or submitted to them relating to the violations of humanitarian law, including grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, being committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia and make this information available to the Council," I have the honour to present to you the attached collection of documents,* "Life and death under occupation," received by the Mission from the occupied territories of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, dated 4 January 1993.

Most of the documents are from the City of Banja Luka, which is under occupation by Serbian and Montenegrin forces and their surrogates in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The authors transmitted these documents at great personal risk so that the world would know about the crimes perpetrated by the occupation forces. Among other things, the documents show that:

1. Serbian and Montenegrin occupation forces commit genocidal crimes against non-Serb civilians, including mass executions and deportations, often with the full awareness of international organizations, including the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) (p. 1).

2. Upon public exposure of certain concentration camps, Serbian occupation forces quickly relocated and sometimes killed people held in the camps (pp. 20 and 26).

3. In some instances, Bosnian Serbs helped to hide Bosnian Muslims during raids by the occupation forces (p. 23).

4. The occupation authorities, as early as two years ago, began making lists of persons and property to be "ethnically cleansed" (p. 23).

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* The documents may be consulted in room S-3520.

5. Bosnian Serbs have advised community leaders of an official plan to "ethnically cleanse" the city of Banja Luka (p. 31).

6. To bypass the economic embargo, the occupation authorities sent tanker trucks, bearing the seal of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to bring in oil from Greece (p. 47).

May I ask for your kind assistance in having these reports made available to the Commission of Experts established pursuant to resolution 780 (1992), and in having this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
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